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cavity, the base including an inlet opening provided therein and a lumen extending therethrough which is in fluid communication with the conduit of the nipple member, wherein the inlet opening is sized for connection to a standard breathing tube such that gas can flow through the base and the nipple member for delivery via the outlet opening into the oral cavity of the patient.

12. (Amended) A medical pacifier for delivering anesthetic gas to a patient, the medical pacifier comprising:

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a base adapted to remain outside an oral cavity of the patient, the base including a base plate having a concave front surface and a convex rear surface;

a connector projecting from the base plate rear surface, the connector including an inlet opening provided in a proximal end thereof and a lumen extending therethrough, the proximal end having an outer diameter of approximately 15 mm for compatibly attaching to a standard breathing tube for providing a source of anesthetic gas; and

a nipple member projecting from the base plate front surface and adapted to be received within an oral cavity of the patient, the nipple member having a conduit extending therethrough which is in fluid communication with the lumen and an outlet opening provided in a distal end thereof such that anesthetic gas can flow through the pacifier for delivery via the outlet opening into the oral cavity of the patient.

24. (Amended) A method for delivering gas to a patient, the method comprising:

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inserting a medical pacifier into an oral cavity of the patient, the pacifier including a nipple member adapted to be received within the oral cavity and having a conduit extending therethrough and an outlet opening provided therein, and a base attached to the nipple member and adapted to remain outside the oral cavity, the base including an inlet opening provided therein and a lumen extending therethrough which is in fluid communication with the conduit of the nipple member;

connecting a gas source to the inlet opening; and

supplying gas through the base and the nipple member for delivery via the outlet opening exclusively into the oral cavity of the patient.
